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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Arrangements have been made for the fourth session of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 (AG13) to be held at the Stadthalle Bad Godesberg, Koblenzer Strasse 80, Bonn, from 25 to 28 February 1997. The session will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 February.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda for the fourth session of the AG13, proposed after consultation with the Chairman, is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of the work of the session;
   (c) Organization of the work of future sessions.

3. Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism.

4. Report on the session.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

3. The fourth session of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 February 1997.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the fourth session of the AG13 is presented for adoption (see paragraph 2 above).

(b) Organization of the work of the session

(i) Documentation

5. The main documents for the session will consist of the conclusions of the AG13 at its third session (FCCC/AG13/1996/4) and any proposals from Parties submitted since the third session. Proposals received by the secretariat by 15 February 1997 will be made available in a miscellaneous document.

6. A list of documents relating to the provisional agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in annex I below.

(ii) Schedule

7. The scheduling of meetings for the session will be based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, with services available for one meeting with interpretation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities available for informal meetings without interpretation, should they be needed. Delegations are urged to use these facilities fully by starting all meetings promptly at the scheduled time. A suggested approach to the organization of work is contained in annex II below.

(c) Organization of the work of future sessions

8. The fifth session of the AG13 will be held within the period 28 July to 7 August 1997 in Bonn. The Chairman will provide further information on the precise dates of the fifth session once the outcome of the discussions by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties on this matter is known.

3. Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism

9. Discussions were held at the third session of the AG13 on the scope of any proposed mechanism and elements of the procedure. In particular, there was discussion of the characteristics, functions, institutional arrangements and procedures of a possible multilateral consultative process. The conclusions of the AG13 at its third session, and any further proposals received from Parties, were seen as providing a useful basis for more substantive deliberations on these elements at the fourth session and as a framework for its work at the fifth session.

4. Report on the session

10. The relatively short length of the session, as well as the nature of the discussion, may affect the extent to which a draft text of the report on the work of the session could be available at the end of the session. The AG13 may wish to adopt decisions or texts of substantive conclusions under the relevant items of the agenda and authorize the Rapporteur, under the guidance of the Chairman, to complete the report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat. While every effort will be made to have conclusions available in all languages, this can only be possible if sufficient time is available for translation.

Annex I

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE AD HOC GROUP ON ARTICLE 13 AT ITS FOURTH SESSION

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/AG13/1996/4	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its third session, held at Geneva from 16 to 18 December 1996
FCCC/AG13/1997/1	Provisional agenda and annotations

Other documents for the session

FCCC/AG13/1996/1	Questionnaire on the establishment of a multilateral consultative process under Article 13: synthesis of responses
FCCC/AG13/1996/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its second session, held at Geneva on 10 July 1996
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.1 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by Parties and non-parties
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.2 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies
FCCC/CP/1995/7 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, held at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995
FCCC/CP/1996/15 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session, held at Geneva from 8 to 19 July 1996

Documents available at the session for reference purposes

A/AC.237/59	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13)
A/AC.237/MISC.46	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13): submissions from delegations relating to Article 13
FCCC/CP/1995/MISC.2	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13): a review of selected non-compliance, dispute resolution and implementation review procedures

Annex II

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON ARTICLE 13

	Tuesday 25 February	Wednesday 26 February	Thursday 27 February	Friday 28 February
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Item 1 (Opening of the session) Item 2 (Organizational matters) Item 3 (Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism)	Item 3 (Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism)	.....	.....
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	.....	Item 3 (Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism)	Item 3 (Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism)	Item 4 (Report on the session)